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Department of Human Resources Partners with Baltimore Gas and Electric to Restore Service to Terminated City Residents

Baltimore: To help address the energy crisis and to help Marylanders most in need, the Department of Human Resources' Office of Home Energy is partnering with the Baltimore Gas and Electric company in a new program, to assist Baltimore City residents restore service after experiencing utility termination. The program, Project Reconnect, provides a one time benefit for households who meet financial eligibility requirements.

This limited program is operational from July 1, 2008 until May 31, 2009. Residents may apply for assistance at any one of the nine Baltimore City Community Action Centers from Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applicants must:

- Present government issued identification
- Proof of residence
- Copies of social security cards for all household members
- Proof of income for all household members for last 30 days
- Name of energy supplier
- Copy of most recent utility bill
- If a renter, a copy of the lease

As part of National Energy Week, October 23, 2008 through October 27, 2008 a Project Reconnect event will be held on October 21, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at New Shiloh Baptist Church 2100 N. Monroe St. Baltimore City residents whose utility services have been turned off, should plan to attend.

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources protects the State's vulnerable children and adults and provides temporary economic assistance. DHR strengthens Maryland families and improves communities through its 24 Departments of Social Services, community partnerships and its three administrations: the Social Services Administration, Family Investment Administration, and Child Support Enforcement Administration.

- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brenda Donald, Secretary